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“a vital role in the life of the nation.”

What do We add up to?

—youth puts everything on the line...

What do Atiu's youth believe in? What do they worry about? What are their hopes and fears? And, above all, what do they think of Atiu?

These are some of the questions posed last year to Atiu 16 and 17 year olds in a nationwide educational survey conducted by Prof. Rebecca Stephenson of Guam University. The answers are now out in an 83 page report.....SEE BACK PAGE.

SPECIAL

Twenty one or 48% in worries mentioned family problems or not the students mentioned they were worried about future to earn an income to of the student wondered a Atiu island. One student

—Healthy outlook—



Minister George

Recently visiting his home island and local constituency, C.I.s Foreign Minister, Hon. Norman George outlined future development plans to a large Atiuan meeting.

Keeping faith in his four year programme of economic growth, the Minister touched upon several proposed projects.

The projects ranged from social welfare developments to agriculture.

Arousing most interest was the announcement of plans to form the Atiu Development Society, designed to fill a gap left by the now disbanded Incorporation.

—links with USP...

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IN THIS ISSUE

Like the Cook Islands as a whole, Atiu is growing and changing fast. Major industrial changes are in the offing. The land tenure system is constantly under debate. Demands on leadership and on the people's willingness to keep abreast with the changes in our society, have never been greater. It is a time of change in health, education, agriculture, values, attitudes, political awareness and even basic relationships within the family.

Articles giving an indication of all this are within the pages of this issue. It is hoped that they give readers some insight into the life of the people - a life that is far removed from the "unspoiled", "unhurried", "untroubled" image of the brochures.

At the same time, this issue touches upon the explorations into the Pacific past which are being conducted by the visiting "Earthwatch" team and upon great geo-political debates which are going on within our region.

By way of introduction, and as a counter to the tourist image of the Pacific, we offer the NZ Herald article below - as an indication that the serious (and darker) side of life this side of the reef is nothing new.

The JOURNAL makes no apology for concentrating upon the realities of life in Atiu, the Cook Islands and our Region, even if such an approach challenges the notion of happy smiling Pacific life.

Village For Convicts Sheer Hell

No worse hell can be imagined than a convict village in New Caledonia.

One cannot even suggest in print the enormities which take place there.

During the native war of 1878 I was with the French troops, and we had our quarters at convict depots, says a writer in the *San Francisco Call*.

Convicts accompanied us on marches as our camp-followers and I had many convict servants appointed to wait on me.

These recidivists ... are the habitual criminals of France who



are to be despatched, male and female, after the manner of their kind to perpetuate a population near Australian shores, the most iniquitous the world has ever known.

It is not so long back that I went on board a French transport in the port of Melbourne, bound from Havre to Noumea.

Sixty young women were among the passengers, under the charge of some good Sisters of St Joseph.

They had been selected, as one selects cattle, to be given as wives to the good-conduct prisoners of Noumea.

They were all murderers - of husband, lover or child.

The recidivists are to be allowed to breed, but neither they nor their children are ever to be allowed to return to France.

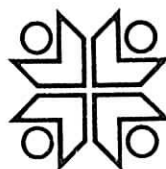
Where will the brood go but to the neighbouring shores of Australia?

It is little wonder that we have made an outcry about this and have demanded that the French and German rule should not be further extended in the South Seas, the islands of which are our natural heritage.—New York Journal.

LIVING FAITH

Many people think that if the church has not made a law about something, then the Christian can do what he likes. Some Christians get drunk, because the church has not made a law, 'You must not drink strong drink'. When there are no laws, the lives of some Christians become bad. So the Church in many places has made lists of laws. Students often ask their teachers for laws about belief and action. They say 'Tell me what I must believe and do'; and they are very unhappy if the teacher tells them to think for themselves. Most people like strong laws. Life is easier like that.

Paul says that people lived under laws in the Old Testament times, before Christ. In those days people were like children. Now, he says, we are grown-up, we are not children any longer.



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The Editor



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— Pacific hunger for knowledge

In 1947, the former colonial rulers of the Pacific, USA, UK, France, NZ, Australia and the Netherlands, formed the South Pacific Commission. By colonial lights, they were all "honourable" men.

They looked at the tiny island nations they had ruled, often for centuries, and decided that something better be done to help them catch up with the twentieth century.

So they revised "honourable" schemes to improve things in the islands.

They had schemes for improving health. They had schemes for improving education. They had schemes for improving housing. They had schemes for improving agriculture. And infrastructure. And fishing. And communications.

They had many, many schemes.

The only scheme they didn't have was one to develop the people's political awareness. That was 'tapu'. What was required was a well-fed, modestly educated, planting, fishing, dancing, happy, smiling people.

It has taken forty years for the Pacific to begin to encourage its people to develop political awareness and the kind of knowledge that will truly put their nations in their own hands.

The hunger for such knowledge is growing. The USP and Auckland University are attempting to plant a new harvest of knowledge.

The people are eager to reap it.

There are disturbing signs, though, that the leaders of the new Pacific are keen to burn the crop before the people get at it.

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**Zeroing In on
EXCLUSIVE
People**

NO. 1..

in the world!

It is not often realised that the "COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH SERVICE RESEARCH REPORT" on Atiu community health may be an amazing "first" in public health anywhere!

The Report, issued by UNV resident doctor Suresh Vatsyayann and his hospital and public health staff in January, represents a total health profile of every single member of the Atiuan community - from the youngest to the oldest mama (now over 80 years old).

"True, it is a small sample of just over one thousand," notes Dr. Vatsyayann, "and should be very easy to do for all islands. But somehow the total overall picture in a single work does not seem to be done. I know of only one similar work (in an American community of about 10000) being undertaken."

He added, "I see a chance where we can turn the smallness of the Cook Is. into an advantage. Maybe we do not have a great deal of finance. But we can produce very accurate statistics for the total population which means that we should be able to plan a very efficient Public Health strategy."

LOCAL

Dr. Vatsyayann says that there are positive signs of real progress being made in the area of Atiu public health.

He puts this down to hard, regular and planned programmes. He is particularly full of praise for the Public Health "team" headed by Ernest Nicholls and comprising Tuaine Karati, Metu, and Mrs. Tairi Pakari.

"The team is professional and local 100%," said the doctor as he spent some time last week reviewing a future Atiu health strategy that can now be firmly based on fact.

Dr. Vatsyayann returns to his native India next year after two years of major contribution to the upgrading of local health standards.

EXCELLENT

Analysing the 85 page report, Dr. Vatsyayann notes several overall conclusions that will aid planning over the next five years.

"Generally," he says, "Atiu has an excellent standard of public health compared with the rest of the developing world."

"The commonest medical problems are oral and dental disease. This reflects lack of fluoride in the water supply and failure to brush teeth regularly. Sugary food also plays a part in this problem."

On the question of diet, the doctor considers this to be a serious long-term matter of concern. Poor eating habits, he says, are one of the major causes of the only really worrying feature of Atiu health - hypertension and its allied trouble "spots" summarised as "obesity, gout and diabetes."

"It is a matter of education," he advises. "People must either eat local, natural food cooked in the traditional way or papa's food cooked and chosen in their traditional way."

"There is nothing wrong with papa's food," he concludes, "but it should be eaten in the same way and in the same quantities as papa's eat it....not masses of poor quality, processed food at one go!"

NEXT ISSUE: Dr. Vatsyayann begins a regular series on Personal and Public Health....

"WHAT SHOULD WE EAT AND WHY?"



UNV Facts behind the figures

ATIU STATISTICS:

Leprosy & Filariasis	- NIL
Malnutrition	- NIL
Sexually Transmitted Diseases	- NIL
Oral & Dental Disease	- 83%
High Blood Pressure & Obesity (adults)	- 19%
Skin Disease, Head Lice & Scabies	- 50%+
Intestinal Worms	- 47%
Anemia	- 41%
Diabetes, Gout, Asthma (Each)	- 3%

Atiu Motel...



Your Host and Hostess

- Dr Roger and Kura Malcolm
Guides

- Taio, Tangi, Vaine and Aukino

GETTING THERE... MOTEL BOOKINGS

Air Rarotonga Tel 22-888
Cook Islandair Tel 26-304

Both airlines handle Atiu Motel reservations.

RIGHT:

Dr. Suresh Vatsyayann (UNV) - "health a vital role in the life of the nation," he notes.



ATIU NEWS

"a vital role in the life of the nation."

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University responds

— links with USP...

Cook Islands education has made enormous progress in the last fifteen years.

Such is the frequently observed verdict of those involved in building national education.

They point to the growth of a national secondary system, the localisation of its staff and curriculum up to pre-university level. And they also, with some justification, look with pride upon a scholarship system which is as fair, generous and democratic as any in the world.

Occupying a strategic role in the development of national education has been the University of the South Pacific.

The USP has not only been the focal point of degree education for an increasing majority of Cook Islands students, but via its Rarotonga-based Extension Centre, has offered wide ranging opportunities for adult and community education at domestic level.

Visiting Atiu recently was USP Centre Director, John Hermann.

Mr. Hermann's week-long stay was the longest he had previously spent on an Outer Island.

ENCOUNTERED

"I was prepared to leave after two days," he said at the end, "if Atiu saw no need for our services."

What he encountered during his week was, in fact, the direct opposite.

In meetings with government officials, heads of department, the general public and both the College and Primary schools, he was made aware that it is clearly Atiu's wish that links with USP be not only maintained but greatly strengthened.

This impression was most strongly given at Atiu College where staff members regard USP extension services to be a key factor in personal growth. Students also now seem clearly committed to the view that, for them to succeed in gaining vital qualifications, the USP is a must.

LIAISON

Mr. Hermann's response on behalf of the USP was enthusiastic.

He met and spoke with both young adult groups and community groups taking part in current adult education programmes and promised them whatever support USP Extension Services could offer.

Liaison Officer, Mrs. Nga Kautai, was asked to take an important first step.

She was asked to look into the possibility of setting up the first ever Summer School on an Outer Island - in Atiu.

"A great opportunity," she commented and expressed confidence that this would come off either in 1987 or 1988.



Indications of increased technology behind the USP teaching and admin programmes comes from this picture of a NZ-funded adviser at work on a new USP computer. (Ph. NZ Development)

— Ron Crocombe

Old friend of Atiu College, Papa Ron Crocombe of USP has just heard of College plans to upgrade their library. His response - an urgent shipment of high quality texts from his personal library.

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The Meaning of Development



Tourism - The Pacific's No. 1 industry. Is this what is meant by "Development"?

Amidst the almost weekly arrival of experts, statisticians and researchers to the Cook Islands, a rare change was provided recently with a two week fact-finding visit to Atiu by Ministry of Development scholarship student, Nicky Lewis - son of Atiu College principal Mr. David Lewis.

Nicky is a former head boy of Mangaia College, where he obtained NZSC, UE and NZ Bursary qualifications before being awarded a government scholarship to Auckland University to do a double degree in Commerce and Economic Geography.

In 1985, he had the honour of topping both the economics and geography lists at Auckland upon graduation.

He was admitted to M.A. studies and earlier this year, before completing his M.A., was invited to undertake PhD work in economic geography.

His thesis is, at his own wish, of great relevance to his own country's economic situation and comprises an analysis of the Atiuan Family Economic Strategies.

Before departing after his second Atiu survey, Nicky delivered a public lecture on "The Meaning of Development" to a small gathering of Heads of Department.

He stressed his belief that "development" was fundamentally a question of personal growth for all our people... NOT reliance upon government "hand-outs".

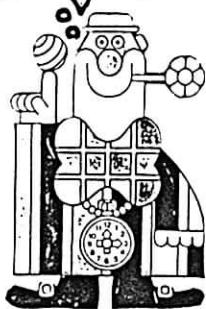
Specifically, he affirmed a belief in the value of Incorporation as a sound economic base for future land use.

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Oh what a lovely day

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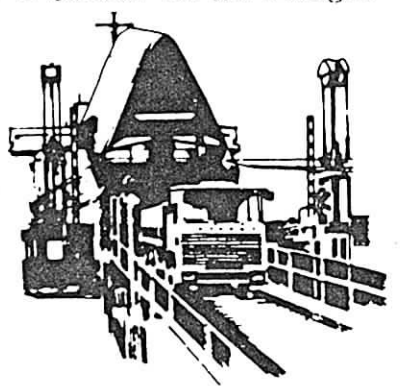
Development

-Piids- —Sense of Commitment

The Pacific Islands Industrial Development Scheme (PIIDS) is already known to Atiu as the agency which has given aid to two private companies.

Takaiti Sawmill and Atiu Arrowroot Mill have both received assistance from the agency, which is attached to the NZ Government Department of Trade and Industry.

Last month's delegation from PIIDS comprised Mike Pointer, Executive Officer, PIIDS, Alan Ogle, Consultant, and Mike McBride of the NZ Representative's Office in Rarotonga.



They came to Atiu to see the progress of the two existing projects and to evaluate the effectiveness of the PIIDS scheme.

The delegation was met by the CAO, Mr. Moetaua Boaza and the Chairman of the Island Council, Mr. Teiotu Tangatapu. They were welcomed with an umukai before visiting the Atiu Coffee Factory.

Later in the day, they visited the Atiu Motel and Sawmill.

Before leaving, they met with and discussed business matters with future aid applicants, Turuvai Poultry Farm, Terai Manea and Gemi Services.

The delegation left at 6.00 p.m. on the same day.

PIIDS is an aid agency which gives grants and suspensory loans to approved projects in private industry. Any NZ citizen (hence any Cook Islander) can apply. Interested parties should contact either the two local companies currently operating with



Business

PIIDS or Mike Pointer, PIIDS, Dpet. of Trade & Industry, Private Bag, Wellington, NZ.

"What they are looking for," noted one applicant, "seems to be a sense of commitment to a private sector enterprise."

Millionaires ?

Regular adult education evening classes are currently being held every Thursday evening at Atiu College as part of the College's community programmes.

The classes take the form of discussion sessions aimed at the "reality" of the local Maori small business - often under-capitalised, inexperienced and subject to a large number of conflicting local demands upon time and resources.

Initial classes have focused on the economic climate existing in Atiu - a background which tends to demand very special entrepreneurial skills in terms of planning, marketing and price analysis.

The course is aimed less at acquiring accounting skills, courses for which are often provided by government, than at learning a "business attitude" and the philosophy of private sector development.

Three local businesses in the making are regular attenders and only time will tell whether this new approach to local business training will produce one or two local millionaires!

Classified

MISCELLANEOUS

FOR SALE:

Shallow Well Jet Pump
2KW 3 Phase 1200 gall
per hour at 150 foot
head \$600.00.
Apply Atiu Motel

FOR SALE:

Universal Drive Shaft
55HP 5ft. long. Fit
standard PTO of tractor
\$300.00
Apply Takaiti Sawmill

TENDER:

Takaiti Sawmill requires tenders for labour only construction of Joinery workshop of 800 sq feet. Specifications available from AML Shop. Tenders close 19 July.

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MAORI

ACROSS: 1 Beam, 3 Recently, 6 Loitered, 9 Rear, 11 Scatters, 14 Part, 15 Rear, 17 Calabash 20 Talk, 21 Messages, 22 Red ochre, 23 Asks. DOWN: 1 Believes, 2 Amid, 4 Treasure, 5 Yard, 7 Encircle, 8 Eats, 10 Releases, 12 Speckled, 13 Confuses, 16 Able, 18 Star, 19 Eggs.

LET'S MAKE tradition



TERAI MANEA



TRADITIONAL CREATIVE ARTS
ATIU & THE COOK ISLANDS
(From Terape Kelly Pahiare)

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Tennis

Best ---- Brightest

na Ina Teiotu

MOKOERO NUI HARDCOURT

Kua rongo ana tatou i te au ra i topa e kua maani atu te oire Ngatuarua - te-tai "hardcourt" ("tarsealed") na ratou e ngai pa poroanga teniti i te kete-poro no ta ratou au mapu.

I teia au ra neitekonei teau mapu tane i tetai ara vaarua takapini i teia "hardcourt" nei ei tuku atu i te cable no te uira te ka riro ei akaka i te mori te ka akapuapinga atu i teia "hardcourt" i te tuatau o te po.

Ko te hardcourt mua oki teia i Atiu nei tei amaniia ki te ta.

Me oti te mori o teia ngai nei, ko te "hardcourt" mua teia i reira teituiteturama no te tamataora i te tuatau poiri.

Te rapu nei oki te oire Ngatuarua i teia kia oti kia papa no te ra e akatuera ia atu ei koia ko te ra 28 no Tiurari i teia mataiti 1987.

Kua akakite mai tetai nga kumiti angaanga o teia "hardcourt" nei e, kua papa ratou no te ra 28 Tiurari, kua akateateamamao ia tetai au taeake i te enua Rarotonga e pera katoa to Niu Tireni kia tae mai ki te akatueraanga.

Ka angaanga te pookivera no te nio-piki e te akari ta renga no te reira ra, pera katoa oki tetai au imenei akaingoingo i te au tino a te reira po ki runga i te "hardcourt".

Mei te rima ngauru rai tangata kopapa maroiroi tane e te vaine i roto i teia oire, ko ta ratou rave pakau ra, pakau te roro.

Kua tau rai ta te tupuna ta Marengai-te-au i akakite e, "Te oki nei rai te ata ki Mokoero."

Akamaroiroi e Mokoero Nui o Tautipa.



Frankie Dennis (left)

President of the NZ Maori Tennis Federation and one of the major forces behind the emergence of the game of Tennis as a top Polynesian sport.

Thanks to the efforts of such as Mr. Dennis and other tennis leaders in the Cook Islands Samoa, Tonga, Tahiti and Hawai'i, more and more opportunities are being offered to local young players to benefit from the kind of facilities now being provided to members by the Atiu clubs.

Hardcourts, coaching and better competition are regarded as the keys to development in one of the big growing sports in Polynesia.

Rugby

Good Start

na John Akava

Kua rave ia te tueanga openga no te rua o te raoni i te Varaire ra 3 Tiurari i rotou i te karapu Te Ngatangi-Mapumai e te karapu Areora ki Mapumai.

E maata tikai te au tangata tei tae mai i te Matakikiki e te tapapaanga e ka peke te re kiaai.

Kua piri katoa mai tetai au Manuiri mei te pupu o Taote Kurusiffina koia te Earthwatch Team mei Marike mai.

E mataora tikai te tueanga a te C e te pupu B.

Kia tae ki te pupu A kua riro e na Makiuti Tongia i Reperi.

Ko Makiuti oki no Rarotonga mai aia mama katoa aia no te Earthwatch Team.

Kua ura te tangata i te oro mai anga te pupu "Green" koia te Tengtangi-Mapumai. oki

Pera katoa te aere mai anga te "Red-Red" koia te Areora Team.

Kua tue e kua tue kua re a Mapumai. Kua penalty akaao na Mapumai. E itu "points" a Mapumai e kare akera i te pupu Areora e taeua atu ki te openga o te tuanga mua. (1st Half).

Kua tue te rua tuanga kua aere rai a Mapumai i te rapu iaia. Inara kua Matau ua oki matau i te kite o te rave pakau a te "Red-Red" kare aia e tukuana iaia.

I muri ake i te iva miniti kua taomi a Areora.

Kare i roa kua re akaou e pakari ei te rave pakau a te "Red-Red" kua riro te re i te "Red-Red Team".

RESULTS:

C GRADE: Areora 14 Corbined 0

B GRADE: Areora 54 Combined 4

A GRADE: Areora 14 Combined 7

Teia i reira te Aiteanga e toru kapu kua peke ka'oatoa i te Areora.

Ka tapapa atu tatou i te knock out i rotou ia Teenui e Mapumai a teia Varaire ki reira.

Ko te pupu ka re mai kua atu aia ki te Red-Red Team e kitea ia e ka peke kia ai te kapu a te knock-out. Kia manuia kotou e te au karapu tueporo o Atiu.

ALL BLACK

Video sportswatchers have been eagerly awaiting the arrival of the first tapes of the 1987 World Cup final between the NZ All-Blacks and France. Last weekend it arrived and a great match it was, featuring captain David Kirk (below left), top Samoan All-Black Michael Jones (right) and (far right) the victorious All-Black team coached by Brian Lochore and managed by Richie Guy.



DAVID KIRK
(University, Auckland)
Halfback
26 1.73m 72kg
27 games for New Zealand
10 tests



MICHAEL JONES
(Waitemata, Auckland)
Flanker
22 1.85m 91kg
New selection

WORLD

CHAMPIONS



RICHELIE GUY
(Manager)



BRIAN LOCHORE
(Coach)

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Environment

Back to Work, Comrades

Earthwatch is back!

In our next issue we hope to bring a full report on what the well-known group of environmental workers have been doing on their current visit.

With them is son-of-Atiu Makiuti Tongia, currently head of the National Museum in Rarotonga. Poet, writer, archeologist, anthropologist, broadcaster, journalist and rugby fan, "Mak" will be combining his visit to Atiu with a chance to look up family connections and also to talk to senior College students about his life and work.

The Earthwatch team led by established "Atiu tumus", Prof. Rebecca Stephenson and husband Hiro, will be here for two weeks.

EDUCATION

Wow!

-Atiu bids for first Outer Island Community Radio Station.

In a bid to promote better communication skills among Atiu students, successive Principals of Atiu College have attempted to bring into being a local radio station for the community of Atiu.

In 1986, former Principal Mr. Barry Beetham approached authorities in Rarotonga for a station licence but no answer was obtained.

The new Principal, David Lewis, formerly adviser and acting head of Radio Cook Islands development programmes leading up to the 1985 Mini Games and SP Forum, was keen to continue the idea when it was brought to his attention.

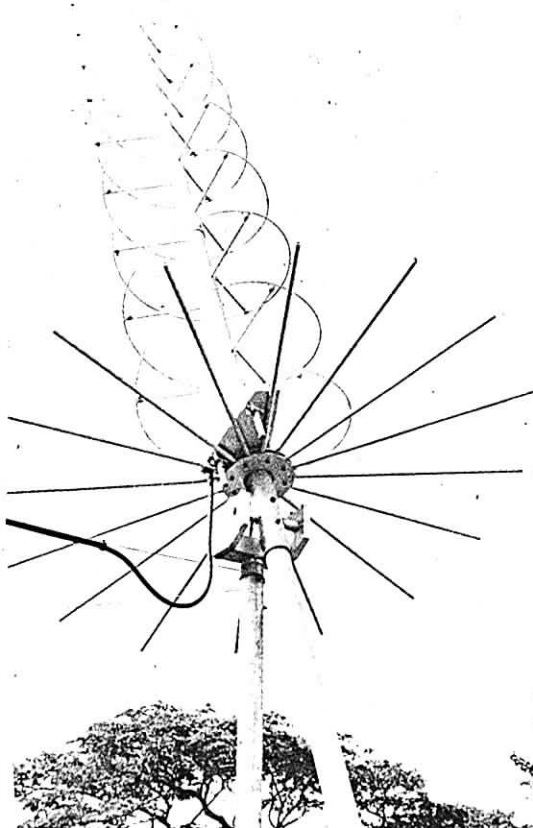
A re-application has been made and a response from the Postmaster General is eagerly awaited, according to Mr. Lewis.

It is possible that an even more exciting development may take place following discussions with the CAO and Island Council chairman, Teiotu Tangatpoto. Both recognised the advantages to the students and to the community at large.

Better communication between villages, between island council members and community, between church and congregation were considered to be advantages as well as training for local children.

"I feel sure the General Manager of CIENC would jump at the chance of a trained fluent bi-lingual announcer arriving on his doorstep," said Mr. Lewis, whose task in 1984-5 was to assist government in the training of local radio personnel.

The long-distance learner



The international telecommunications satellite INSTAL currently on loan to USP for their long distance education programmes... a dramatic indication that regional development is today highly dependent upon the communications media in Atiu College's case....radio.

Mr. Teiotu further remarked that the project may indeed be worth becoming a full Island Council project and a source of local revenue through advertising.

He and the CAO, Mr. Moetaua Boaza have asked the College to present written proposals to Island Council as soon as possible.

Mr. Lewis states that this will be done as soon as he hears word from the station technicians regarding their long-awaited reply from Government regarding their licence.

"I am sure there will be no problem," said Mr. Lewis, "licences have been issued to a purely commercial station like Radio Ikurangi so I see no difficulty for government in licensing a community service backed by all Atiuan authorities I have spoken to."

Stuart Davis, Director-General of the Post Office has promised some action on the request soon.

If all goes ahead as planned, listeners on a Sunday could expect to hear on RADIO ATIU 1503khz

5.30 Test Transmission
6.00 Pure & Service
6.20 Sports Results
6.35 Island Council Report
6.40 Around the Departments
7.00 NEWS
7.10 Feature Interview (local personality)
7.40 Requests
8.00 Close down

Essay

Battling on

by Nga Tanga

Survival. An idea that is needed wherever you go. A word for the younger generation whenever they take a step towards the future.

In the true sense of the word, survival must be in every human bone whether it is old or young.

Personally, I have had to feel this word in action during part of my life in New Zealand before I returned to my home island. I've experienced many a time when I thought I would never survive in the dangerous world I lived in.

Survival. Staying alive. Keeping up with the world. Overcoming evil.

Brought up in New Zealand in a family full of love and discipline, my life could not have been more secure. But tragedy struck. My life changed dramatically. Removed from an environment of security, I was put in a place where emotions of hate, jealousy and continual hostility were present. I never knew exactly what had happened to me before I was "on the run".

From then on, survival was uppermost in my mind. Trying to stay alive. No family. Few friends. What else was there for me? Probably nothing. Caught up with bad company, nothing mattered to me except "having fun".

As time went by "fun" was not fun any more. I wanted to break away from the bonds which held me tightly to my "friends". I tried to become free. I did not like being with them. I wanted to do things my way. I wanted to roam anywhere I felt like going.

Eventually, I did it. The hard way.

In order for me to stand on my own two feet, I had to survive ordeals first. But once I knew I had passed the test of survival, I felt success was always near at hand.

To aim at an impossible goal, I now know that I must be able to suffer ordeals and trials to reach it.

I am striving for what I want but I know that I must be able to survive and leave trouble behind me if I am to reach my goal - the goal, I know, which will secure my future life.

Survival. An important word. A word which will overturn the blockades before us in life.

Survival.

Staying alive.

Nga Tanga is an 18 year old student at Atiu College. Her ambition is to gain a scholarship to study medicine.

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Examining the exams

Education

ATIU COLLEGE

FOCUS ON AIDS

The latest in an evening series of young adult and community education programmes at Atiu College featured the highly controversial subject of AIDS.

The lecture was the second in the programme's section entitled "Health Education," and was delivered by Dr. Suresh Vatsyayann of the Department of Health and staff members from the college.

The opening lecture covered the human reproductive system and the process of conception.

The lectures were presented after consultation with parents, committee and staff members and representatives of the religious advisory council of Atiu.

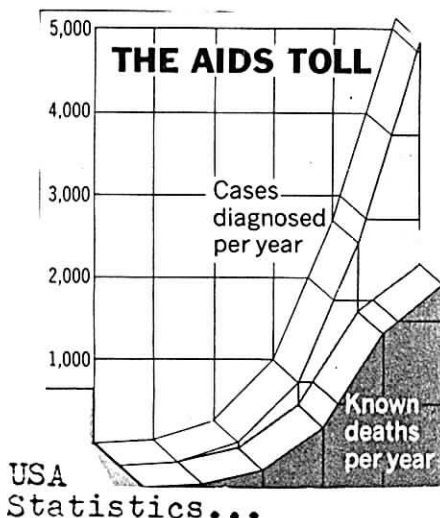
In the second lecture, Dr. Vatsyayann concentrated upon sexually transmitted diseases of which Atiu is at present apparently free.

"It is therefore high time to know about AIDS," said the doctor, "since indications are that it will come to the Cook Islands maybe through tourists or NZ returners. When the first case is diagnosed, that will mean that there is plenty around already."

The doctor gave the latest detailed information on AIDS, outlined the causes, described false notions about it and gave precautionary advice.

"How can I recognise a potential carrier?" asked one young woman.

"Easy...." said the doctor, "he's a man you've never met before!"



Until the 1980's, this development was built for the whole of the Cook Islands around NZSC and then U.E.

In 1983, a further step was taken by the Department of Education when it introduced Form 7 studies at Tereora College. Hence, for the last four years, the educational path for Cook Islanders has been safe, clear and all-inclusive. With changes in the NZ system likely to increase if the Labour Party is returned and, in the wake of the Fiji coup, all that seems now a thing of the past. The future is very much in doubt. The following article looks at some of the problems associated with the possible end of the South Pacific Option papers in NZSC.

TOWARDS the end of each school year, 5,000 to 6,000 fifth formers in half a dozen Pacific island countries bite their nails, chew their pens and wade through four, five or maybe more papers of the New Zealand School Certificate Exam. It is a crucial test for them. If they fail to score a minimum number of aggregate marks, they won't pass.

In countries lacking in secondary schools and unable to afford the cost of sponsoring many state scholarships for university or some other form of higher education, failure is almost certainly the end of the education line for them. Without "school cert", they won't be able to progress to the sixth form to work for the New Zealand University Entrance certificate. This qualification is usually the key needed for a place at a university, a teachers' college or an agricultural school.

Now New Zealand has thrown a spanner in the examination works. Having for more than a decade been prepared to assist education systems in Western Samoa, Tonga, the Cooks, Niue, Fiji and Tuvalu by including in the School Certificate exam what are known as the South Pacific option papers, it has decided that, from 1987, it will no longer be prepared to do this. The optional papers are specially designed for Pacific islanders who otherwise would have to battle with a purely New Zealand-oriented exam and answer, with extra difficulty, questions on subjects having little or no relevance to their society.

According to Trevor Rees, acting director of the South Pacific Board for Educational Assessment, the New Zealand decision is "absurd" and "totally crazy". It means that, by 1986, countries affected by it will have had to develop their own equivalent local secondary school certificate exam. The labour and cost of doing that makes the 1986 target an impossibility.

South Pacific option exam papers had been prepared as an interim measure while island education departments developed their own exam syllabuses. But 10 or more years later the foreign affairs department in Wellington is wondering how interim

assistance was supposed to be. New Zealand feels it's time the islands stood up on their own feet. While such independence was an entirely desirable target, said Rees, it meantime wouldn't assist secondary school students who would have to fight through a purely New Zealand oriented exam until a local one was evolved for them.

The seven countries which form SPBEA met at its Suva headquarters recently to discuss the crisis. "They've been left in something of a vacuum," said Rees. "I don't know what Fiji is going to do, for instance, but I believe they are making representations to New Zealand to continue after 1987."

Fiji has its own Fiji Junior Certificate exam, which preceded the New Zealand School Certificate. It ought to be possible to lift this to a school certificate standard quite quickly. Other countries weren't so well off, however. Rees said Tonga and Western Samoa were looking at an equivalent exam incepted by the Solomon Islands four years ago. They thought it might be suitable for adoption and adaption to their own needs. "We have been evaluating the Solomons exam and, in our estimation, it is extremely good. But to have it adapted for the two other countries by 1987 is very optimistic."

The Cook Islands were not so badly placed he said. Since they were virtually part of New Zealand, they could easily upgrade an existing local fourth-form exam to fifth-form needs.

The SPBEA was set up three years ago by the Solomons, Fiji, Tonga, Tuvalu, Kiribati, Western Samoa and the Cooks as an instrument for developing local examinations and measuring their fairness, quality and effectiveness. In many other parts of the world, the trend is to scrap all school entrance exams so as to open the doors of education to anyone who wants it. But in the Pacific islands, Rees explained, shortages of secondary school spaces, teachers and equipment enforced the need for selection by competitive processes. "In Kiribati you will have 1,200 kids competing for 100 places. It is back to the atoll for those who failed." □

Among the many public health drives started on Atiu in the last twelve months has been a special one directed at an often neglected part of the body....the Feet!!

Special targets have been Atiu's schoolchildren, like most of our youngsters, used to life in bare feet from birth.

Said a Health Department official,

"The most serious regular problem in our people's health is infection and infection below knee level, especially in the feet."

He said the large number of cuts, infections and boils in the lower leg as being largely caused by the habit of spending most of one's life in bare feet.

Acting rapidly in this area, Dr. Vatsyayann of UNV had urgent contacts in Rarotonga with retailers CIPC and one of their contacts in Suva.

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Spot Check

FLYING FISH SEASON STARTS
High Tides: 2.00 p.m./ 2.00 a.m.

Monday 6.7.87

Earthwatch start work at Vairakaia Marae.

Arrival of Brill/George survey team.

Tuesday 7.7.87

Earthwatch team official College visit.

Senior students lecture - Mr. M. Tongia

Wednesday 8.7.87

Haircutting ceremony - Upokoina Tearai of Te Matangi.

Thursday 9.7.87

Adult Education Classes - Small Business Management College 4.15 p.m.

Friday 10.7.87

Rugby & Netball Knock-out Cups Round 1

Sunday 12.7.87

NZSC Trial Exams - English 2.00 p.m.

Constitution

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LIVE IT UP

The show must go on.

Was Chief Administration Officer, Moetaua Boaza on the receiving end of an Internal Affairs "foul-up" in Rarotonga over the staging of the 1987 Constitution Celebrations? Rumour and gossip thrived around reports that this year there would be no Constitution Park festival as usual. Intaff were tight-lipped. However, rumour also had it that our own Minister Norman George had stepped in to keep the peace and everything seemed to be sorted out. There will be a celebration in Raro. AND there will be our own home-grown celebration here in Atiu attended by the Minister and Teenui-Mapumai MP, Mariri Paratainga.

"Whatever the problems in Raro," CAO Boaza told PSC Heads of Department, "I told them it was too late for us. We are underway and it's going to be good."

Mr. Boaza's words met with unanimous approval and the biggest ever local celebration of the great event is planned for the first week in August.

"We've got to live it up and get all the people happy and involved," noted the CAO.

Acting in this spirit, five government departments have organised cultural arts teams using staff and families to support.

All the top Atiuan-based composers and choreographers are involved in one team or another and the standard is likely to be, in the words of an out-

side observer, "superb"... "maybe even better than the Raro festival!"

Early worries are rumoured to be felt in the Education camp, one of the strong tips for overall honours.

"Suppose Education comes last in Culture," said a team member, "how will we ever hold up our heads again!"



Atiu goes shopping

Feet first!

Last month there arrived on the island 500 pairs of shoes and socks specially ordered at low cost.

They have been very popular and are now a feature of uniform at both the college and primary schools.

"They are not only healthy, they also look smart," noted the Health Department.



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CORRUPTION AND MISCONDUCT IN PAPUA NEW GUINEA POLITICS

FR JOHN MOMIS

Deputy Leader of the Opposition in Papua New Guinea

All over the developing world, nations are experiencing what critics have called "the second phase of leadership". Leadership prior to and at independence was in the hands of nationalists who had often fought for decades to realise the ambition of their peoples to be free. In the years following independence, however, time and again these very leaders who had headed the independence struggle appeared to prove helpless in mastering the tasks of growth and economic development. In our region, several nations have experienced the same problem. Opposition leaders are quick to analyse the faults of those in power and, in many cases, the attack is directed at deviations from what seemed to be the basic principles of independence. In Papua New Guinea, the cry of the opposition, as expressed by Fr. John Momis (below) is a cry echoed throughout the developing world "We need to bring ethics into development".

In offering his own analysis of what he calls "the challenge of ethics and development", PNG opposition leader, Fr. John Momis was addressing the University of PNG's 17th Waigani Seminar last September.

He was speaking in the presence of one of the Region's most highly respected emerging leaders, President Teremia Tabai of Kiribati.



Night guard in Moresby - an indication of the growing concern felt by PNG citizens about law and order in their country.

CORRUPTION

Fr. Momis, in opening the Seminar, chose as his keynote the question of ethics and development.

He alleged that the ethical rules PNG set for itself at independence have been largely ignored.

He summarised these goals as

- *human development
- *equality and participation
- *sovereignty and self-reliance
- *protection of the environment
- *reliance on PNG ways.

"It is fair comment", he claimed, "to say that government has diverged considerably from these paths."

Fr. Momis stated that power had fallen into the hands, he believed, of a "newly educated elite" full of "abstract theories" and who had little practical contact with the people.

"Corruption", he claimed, "has been endemic". And he alleged that since 1975 over 40 MP's have faced over 100 criminal and civil

Rhetoric



Former PM of PNG, Michael Somare (above) was once regarded as the leading voice of Pacific independence.

Now ousted from office, he is in a political wilderness again, facing a reality of being in opposition which contrasts sharply with the rhetoric which he and other Regional leaders used in the immediate post-independence period.

Then, all was possible, it seemed. Today, for Somare and his generation of Pacific leaders, the reality of the long, hard business of being a politician in a developing nation often reduces possibilities

Reality

to the level of mere political survival.

charges. "Many leaders", he added "seem to consider it their right to use their position to further their own ends."

STRATEGY

He also criticised the tendency of MP's to switch parties. He claimed that between elections, members are only interested in gaining support from each other in Parliament, not from the people.

Fr. Momis had considerable criticism for government's economic strategy which he said was based upon "fast economic growth based on large-scale projects which can only proceed with massive foreign investment."

This strategy, he alleged, does not involve participation by the people.

In fact, he concluded, current trends in PNG are moving the people further away from the national development goals.

"We must accept that ethics and development are related," he ended.

Our national press rightly gives first place to printing the words of our Region's governments. The Journal, as an independent paper, feels that there is a need for the people also to hear and judge the voice of opposition.

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NEW ZEALAND

Election Jitters

David Lange's Labour party has been branded as the most right-wing government ever to rule NZ in recent years. It has also been described as the most radical party of all-time in areas such as defence and education. This year, they take that rather confused image to the NZ public in the hope of avoiding the Labour party's frequent fate - one term government.



voter trends

In ancient Rome the politicians used to consult the entrails of slaughtered animals before making a move.

In New Zealand in 1987 the politicians are consulting the results of public opinion polls no less avidly.

Despite their oft-spoken claims that the only poll which matters is the one run through the ballot box on election day, research industry sources say both National and Labour are using their services more than ever.

But the party polls - unlike most of those commissioned by the media - are concentrating on specific key electorates.

Opposition Leader Jim Bolger says National polls only the areas which are electorally important.

"I'm not polling Mangere. Let's face it, obviously we poll marginals."

Results from polls they have already received are making both parties even more keen to keep buying the research.

The Government's radical departure from traditional Labour Party policies has thrown traditional voter support patterns into disarray. That trend has been added to by the collapse of the New Zealand Party.

Neither National nor Labour want to be shooting in the dark when it comes to allocating resources in the crucial last weeks of the campaign.

Both parties are reluctant to make public the results of their expensively obtained research, but sources in both indicate some trends are emerging.

All the indications are that while Labour is holding its own relatively well in Wellington and Auckland, there have been big swings against it in provincial areas.

Mr Bolger says that trend has shown up in what has happened to the New Zealand Party and Democratic Party votes from the last election. Both are expected to collapse nearly completely this August.

"The vote that's been moved away from the third parties seems to be changing allegiance in inconsistent pat-

terns, he says. "In some areas there seems to be a movement to us. In others there seems to be movement to Labour."

It is understood polls show Labour is picking up four out of five of the New Zealand Party votes in seats like Ohariu in Wellington, but National is getting them back in rural areas such as Wairarapa.

But Mr Bolger appears relatively unconcerned about that trend, and dismisses claims his party will end up as a rural one.

"What we are on track to do is win probably every major provincial city. You can't describe that as a rural romp. We'll get our share of seats, but a smaller share, as we have done in the last few elections in the major cities."

The other major trend that has emerged is the large number of undecided voters.

The National Party's own polls bear out the Listener-AGB McNair figure of 21% still dithering about where to put their vote.

That figure is higher than normal at this stage of an election year, and both parties will be hoping more polling will reveal more about what sort of voters they are - and why they remain undecided.

But indications are that many of them are traditional Labour Party supporters, earning less than \$15,000 a year. A highly placed Labour Party source said most of the party's effort would go into capturing those voters. "Our ambition is to go after them."

Polls run for Labour since the Listener poll were already indicating the undecided vote was coming back, he said.

But polls can be as unreliable indicators of what is going to happen as entrails, as the inforecast National landslide of 1975 showed.

Mr Bolger, at least, maintains a skeptic's approach.

"Polls all round the world have a habit of being quite wrong," he says. "As someone once put it, a survey gives you the confidence to go in the wrong direction."

Fighting Back

Demos

Confident

The Democratic Party - limping along at 4 per cent in the polls - says it will have candidates in every seat for the general election.

In spite of predictions that collapsing third party support threatens to wipe out the Democrats in the election, a senior party official was confident yesterday that the party would have candidates in all 97 electorates.

The party secretary, Mr Rodney Wilson, said candidates had been selected for 35 seats. Moves were under way to pick a further 30 contenders and the balance

would be settled by the ruling party council at its annual conference in June.

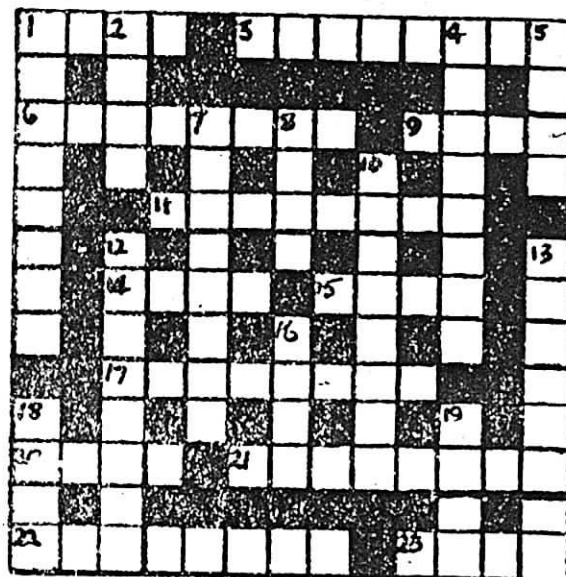
Mr Wilson acknowledged that endorsement of candidates in the middle of the election campaign - the conference in Lower Hutt is being held from June 24 to 28 - could hurt their prospects of developing a political profile in time for the poll, due by mid-September.

But he named the two Democrat-held seats - East Coast Bays and Pakuranga - and Wanganui, Coromandel and Rangitikei as electorates where the party believed it had a show of winning.

Mr Wilson agreed that the party had not polled well over the last 18 months but claimed that the Democrats could expect support from uncommitted voters. Poll figures show that up to 20 per cent of the electorate remains undecided about which party to support.

Candidly admitting that his party did not expect a "fantastic result" from the election, Mr Wilson added: "We have been in worse situations before. In 1972, after our split, we had about 2 per cent in polls but got up to about 5 per cent on election night. So we know what it takes to come from behind."

POLYNESIAN CROSSWORD



ACROSS

- 1-Kurupae
- 3-Inakua raa
- 6-Kua whakaroa
- 9-Muri
- 11-Rui
- 14-Waahi
- 15-Whaangai
- 17-Ipu
- 20-Koorero
- 21-Nga Kupu
- 22-Kookoowai (3, 5)
- 23-Faatai

DOWN

- 1-Whakapono
- 2-I waenganui
- 4-Taonga
- 5-Iaari
- 7-Koopani
- 8-Kai
- 10-Tuku
- 12-Tongitongi
- 13-Whakapooheeh
- 16-Kaha
- 18-Whetuu
- 19-Nga hua manu

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WORLD

We Are Surrounded

Just who is supposed to be destabilising whom? This might well be the question Regional governments could be asking themselves as the big powers on the Rim fret and worry about Libyans and other new forces entering the Pacific.

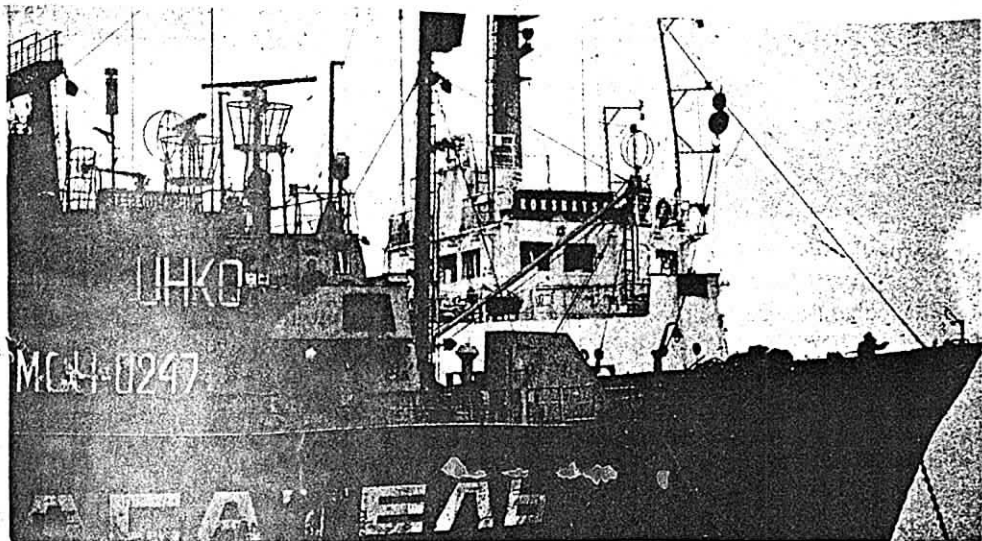
"Leave us alone to sort out our own problems" is a common response from frustrated regional governments which are often reported as claiming that the real destabilisation of the Region is being done by the former colonial powers desperate to keep the Pacific well and truly under their traditional control.

Whatever the true picture of regional super-power involvement, there seems little doubt that the Pacific is, as has been predicted by political commentators for a long time, increasingly at the centre of power politics on a world scale.

And the big reason for it all?

Inevitably, the attractiveness of the big empty blue Pacific for testing weapons.

With French bombs being tested to the East of us; US subs to the South and North; Chinese missiles to the West; USSR subs and missiles to the North and US and USSR spy satellites above us....there's no doubt about it! We're surrounded!!

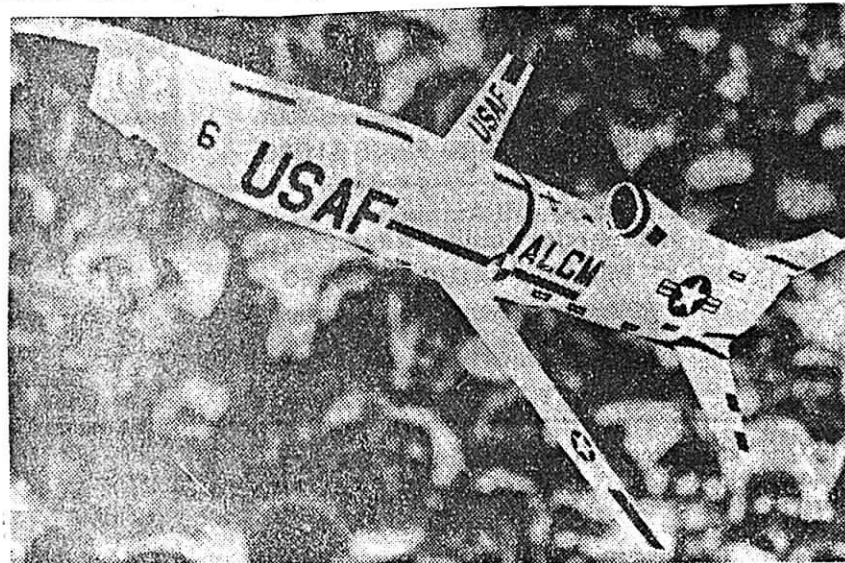


USSR trawlers such as the one pictured above bear little resemblance to what most of us would recognise as a "fishing boat"! Bristling with antennae and all manner of sophisticated technology, it would seem even to the most pro-Russian observer, that maybe they were in the Pacific to catch something a little bigger than marlin!

Maybe what they're really trying to net is something more along the lines of heavily identified flying object (below).

Just as the "fishing boat" (above) seems to belong to the realm of fantasy, so the "airplane" (below) might find it a bit of a problem delivering the latest mail and groceries on the average inter-island domestic run!

Presumably, someone knows by what right they prowl through Pacific seas and airways.....we don't!!!



Movements Within Movements

1987 is a crucial year for New Caledonia.

At the centre of it all is kanak leader, Jean-Marie Tjibaou, head of the pro-independence FLNKS coalition.

The coalition is a movement of all shades of kanak opinion ranging from the moderate left of centre to a pure marxist wing.

Trying to hold the whole "package" together in the face of mounting hostility towards the French plans to hold a referendum on independence this month is Tjibaou's unenviable task.

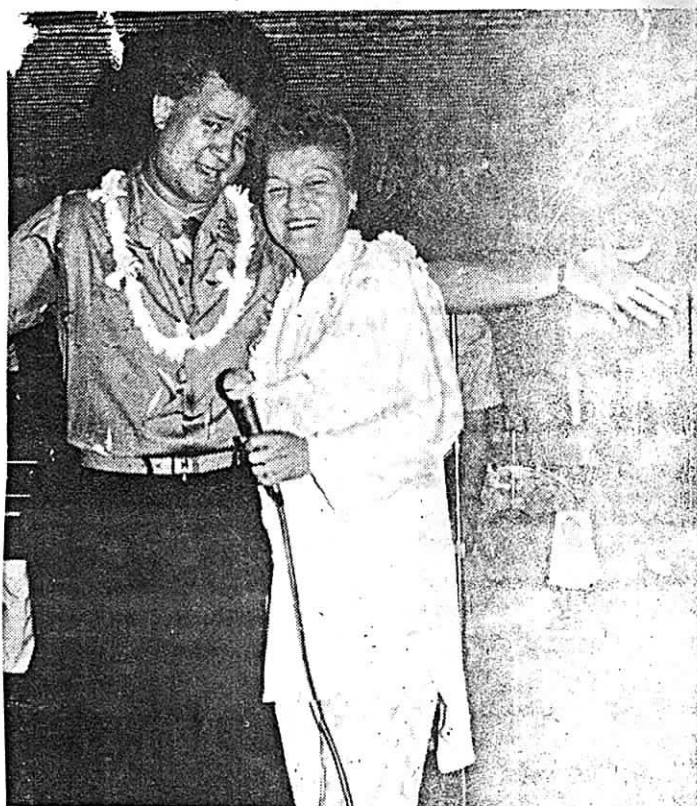
Rapidly emerging as one of the Region's most impressive political leaders, Tjibaou has won much support in many quarters in his battle on behalf of the kanak people and for the way in which he is managing to hold in line a multi-faceted group of political activists.



Overshadowing the total New Caledonian scene is the ever-present threat of wide-spread violence. To those who see no hope for the kanak cause without violence, the figure of slain kanak leader Eloi Machoro (above) symbolises a struggle that will only be resolved through armed struggle.

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SPORT

Tahiti Music**JOHN LINDSAY
CASSETTE**

In recent months top Rarotonga singer-entertainer, John Lindsay, has achieved huge success in Tahiti. Last month John was in Tahiti and starred at the Hotel Tahiti (above) where he presented songs from his latest cassette. The cassette features several Tahitian songs including "Tahiti", "Mitihue No Tahiti" and the Maori version of Julio Iglesias' famous hit, "There will always be a loser".

John was accompanied by Tahitian musicians and received a welcome which local writers described as "simply fantastic."

- Boxing -

(left: Current Oceania and French featherweight bronze medallist, Francis Vivish in action (right) against a US opponent.



All over the Cook Islands, top sporting interest is currently centred upon the forthcoming Oceania boxing champs.

Not only is the interest high in our own country, however, but inevitably all the other major boxing nations of the Pacific are busy getting their teams ready.

The Tahitians have already completed their national champs and have sent their top stars to Europe to compete in the French championships.

Last month they also staged a fierce warm-up international against California.

- LEAGUE -**Mercer sets his sights at the top**

When Auckland league fans conjure with the names of Tea Ropati, Kevin Iro and Shane Horo as regular Kiwi backs of the future, they should consider a threat 240km to the south.

Strong Bay of Plenty centre-cum-winger Gary Mercer got his first taste of top international football on last year's tour of Australia and Papua New Guinea. He liked it, and wants more.

Mercer says that tour was an education for him. "It was a great experience to tour with top players and I learned a lot about the game—I got a real taste for more football at that level."

Mercer figures he's got every chance and would love to pit his skills against the Australians. But he realises there is plenty of competition about, and singles out Shane Horo and Marty Crequer as the men to beat for a spot on the wing.

Star of the NZ Maoris Pacific Cup winning squad in Rarotonga last year, was 20 year old full back/winger Gary Mercer. Mercer was one of the main reasons why our own Cook Islands squad went down heavily against the Maoris. Mercer's career now seems set for even bigger honours as the article below indicates.

The 20-year-old Rotorua timber worker took up league in 1983 after leaving Lakes High School. Within two years his aggressive tackling and strong running won him a place in the Bay of Plenty team and a junior Kiwi trip to Australia. He went to Rarotonga last year with the New Zealand Maori side that won the inaugural Pacific Cup tournament.

The tours have whetted his appetite for big time football and he knows he won't go far if he stays in Rotorua.

This year he turned down two offers to join Wellington clubs, but says he is keen to move before next season. He is considering an offer from the Upper Hutt club, but has made no firm decision.

Like most young footballers, he dreams of securing a contract in the tough Sydney competition. But for the moment he is concentrating on Bay of Plenty's representative matches, and hoping for a game against Queensland.

"That's my big target for the year — the tour of Australia and Papua New Guinea would be a nice bonus. But I'm just taking it one thing at a time at the moment."

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Politics

Horror and savagery

Amid scenes of bloodshed and carnage, the Amendment to the Donut Vendor's Licensing Hours Bill went into its 3rd reading last night. Two opposition spokesmen were executed.

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Business

FOR SALE
Chrin of laundramattes, 4 nite clubs, 2 sugar mills & 3 Alliance Party backbenchers: Patel & Sons, Suva.

Vera

INTRODUCING

WORLD WAR

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Fiji

notice

All Indians are to report immediately back to their wigwams

+ DEMOCRACY R.I.P.

Well, Dr. Bavadra, I saw mother-in-law and she said to tell you.....

I find a jolly good cup of tea helps... with plenty of sugar.

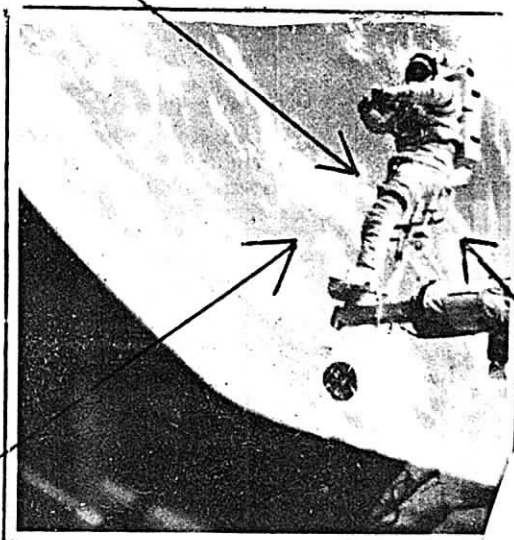
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Chain of derelict war-houses suitable for laundramattes, nite clubs and pakistani immigrant flats pref. London area: Patel & Sons, Suva.

GIANT COLOUR POSTER
exclusive

AIDS on Moon



Avoid all contact with this man if you find him in your bed. He has recently returned from the dark side of the moon and is a carrier of the dreaded lunar strain of the dreaded Aids.

SPECIAL

man
born
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— It must be something in the air

(from our CI Times correspondent in the Tibesti Mts., N-E Chad)

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IT'S FUN!

Briefly

The President's Smelly

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AIDS on Moon

Not content with ruining honest dirty fun on our planet, the dreaded AIDS virus is currently afflicting life on our Moon. Gay Siberian Pinko cosmonauts are suspected of infecting the once virus-free satellite while getting up to all sorts of filthy disgusting practices on the dark side.

RA

As I was saying to the tribal chiefs the other day over a gourd or two of yaqona, "some of my best friends are Indian."

Give him a hockey stick or a chain of laundramattes and your average Indian can develop into an acquaintance for life. But put him in front of a ballot box and there's something in the blood that makes him go utterly beserk.

I've known this for a long time now ever since I was peeling the dalo in the barracks many years before becoming Man of The Year and Generallissimo El Paradiso the 1st. There was this Indian fellow who used to give a good price for second hand Lee Enfield and looked to me to have a certain destabilising quality about him for sure.

As they say in the CIA, "you learn to develop a nose for a destabilising marxist after a while."

Anyway, that's all yaqona down the pit latrine and there's work to be done.

I'm not too sure what work is to be done but Sir Ratu says never mind and leave it all to him and my job's to stand by incase when he's changed the constitution to allow only his followers to vote and held elections for his followers to vote him back by popular acclaim, something goes wrong and he still doesn't get in.

MBO

Woops! There goes the phone again from Washington. Bye for now. And i

IT'S FANTASTIC!

U.N.
Safe
Aid S

Leading the way
to better health
and fitness

I wish they'd hurry
up with the appropriate
technology
condom they promised..

Medical Team to Offer Advice

P.S. Have regretfully turned down post with Sri Lankan government as Special Advisor on destabilising democratic Tamils. But am still considering offers from the Greater London Native Rate-Payers Association.

—the Star

Psst! You'll find Fiji right in the middle of the atoll. Mr. President. In the centre of the big blue patch...under your jelly bean!

Well I'll be.... so that's where it is. Under my jelly bean! And there's me thinking it was some sort of Jap mountain. Gee whizz. George, the world's a goldarned confusin' sort of place, darnit.



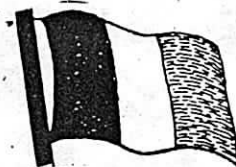
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The French view

Bonsoir! Even tho' things are pas so bon these days...thanks to les ghastly kanaks who nous shall deliver un punch up le melanesian hooter apres le referendum, markez mes words. Et that goes pour le equally ghastly oscar temaru and all les ghastly anti-frogs over la in Tahiti who can't take un peu de fall-out in les croissants without moaning about la liberte and la fraternite and all that rubbish, hein.

Personellement, je prefers les Wallis Islanders who never moan about nothing et if je could find out where le Wallis Island est, je would give it un grand state visit et maybe open un brand nouveau test centre et ten zillion gendarmes to go with le.



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UP
VOUS

—Classified Results—

Fiji Champs:
Indian Democrats 0 Tribal Chiefs 76
(match abandoned)

U.K. Division 1
Thatcherites 493 Loony Leftists 1

Kabul & District League:
Russian Tanks 2 Moslem Hordes 2
(after extra time)

Coupe Pacifique:
Mururoan Mutants 2½ French Gendarmes 97



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everything on the line...

As a contrasting question, students were then asked, "What do you like least about life on this island?" Again, answers were varied. Some students noted the lack of conveniences and comforts at home, the lack of television, inadequate stoves for cooking, and unimproved bathing and toilet facilities; there were 16 such comments (46% of the respondents). Ten students or 29% mentioned the environment and surroundings, such as the perennial mosquito problem on Atiu and Atiu's decreasing population as local people continue to emigrate. Eight students or 23% wrote of family constraints and problems with relatives. The lack of jobs on Atiu and the lack of other income earning opportunities were felt to be less desirable features of life on Atiu by six students, or 17%. Wages and salaries are not high enough to meet families' needs, they noted. Five students or 14% pointed out that Atiu's roads have not been modernized, transportation is a problem, and that there are not enough places to be entertained, such as clubs or bars. Five students, on the other hand, felt that modernization was happening too fast on Atiu, especially to the extent that smoking and drinking activities were too common. Three students took the position that Atiu has a shortage of goods and supplies in the shops. Two responses were obscure.

THE REPORT

Thirty five Lower and Upper 5th students were interviewed by Professor Stephenson on the basis of a lengthy questionnaire.

The report was kindly given to us with permission for the Journal to publish relevant material.

The survey is of considerable interest to Parents and Community leaders as it represents what may be termed the thinking of Atiu's next generation of adults.

Students came from families of 6-10 persons. When asked how large they wanted their own future family to be, however, most students opted for a family of only three.

For 60% of students, family income was represented mainly by a salaried father. 29% had a salaried mother.

Only two of the students had not travelled from their home island. They all expressed a strong desire to travel more.

Of concern to those already worried about Atiu's future is the fact that only five of the students wanted to stay on Atiu.

As far as future jobs were concerned, students offered a wide range of hopes;

Nurses (5); Police (5); Agriculture (3); Army (2); Coffee planting (2); Wage worker (4); Sportsman (1); Office work (6); carpenter (2) and 1 each chose electrical work, the church, administration, airline hostess and overseas student.

Many of the above seem to have no application to Atiu. This reflected the fact that most students to leave the island after school, 40% to NZ and 11% to Australia.



An even younger generation of Atiu children take the first steps on the long road towards education and, judging by the results of Prof. Stephenson's report, along a road will will eventually lead to the airport and departure from Atiu.

Although some wanted to leave now, they said that they were unable to. 40% said that their parents would not allow them to go. 31% said they had no money to travel, whilst 20% had no one to stay with overseas.

All students, however, saw a positive side to their life on Atiu.

89% liked their family life and culture. Some liked the special land features of Atiu and many seemed to like their role in church organisations.

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